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- On 29 February 1952, about 60 officers and men were engaged in record firing with three JS tanks in the Weisswasser (O 52/A 74) troop training grounds. Four T-34/85 tanks were seen standing there under canvas covers. Record firing was also held at the AT artillery firing lane. Jeep [ ] occupied by two majors and driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, was seen moving from Weisswasser to Camp Nochten. Four T-34/85 tanks stood on the tank firing lane on 6 March. Ten officers and about 100 soldiers with 4 light machine guns, submachine guns, rifles, spades and rucksacks were seen boarding the Cottbus-bound train at the Weisswasser railroad station at 4 p.m. Record firing with JS tanks was noticed on 7 March. Reports by tanks, SP guns and light weapons were heard throughout the daylight hours of 8 March. Seven SP guns and 2 tank chassis were unloaded at the Weisswasser railroad station on the same day and drove to Camp Nochten. Gunfire was heard from the troop training grounds throughout the day on 10 March. Truck [ ] occupied by 3 officers and 15 men, was seen driving from Weisswasser to Spremberg. Vehicles observed in Camp Nochten [ ]  
 All of the soldiers observed there wore red-bordered black epaulets. \*

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- \* [ ] Comment. The report indicates that, prior to 10 March 1952, record firing with only individual tanks and artillery pieces was held at Weisswasser. The personnel apparently rotated between the posts and the troop training grounds only for short cycles of record firing. The observations made in early March 1952 therefore still conform with reports received from Weisswasser since December 1951. [ ]  
 An increased volume of detraining operations, reported by the same source since the middle of February 1952, indicates that more components of the 9th Mecz Div were at Weisswasser in February 1952 than in December 1951 and January 1952. See [ ]  
 Jeep [ ] belongs to the 7th Gds Tank Div from Hosslau; jeep [ ] to a headquarters unit of the Third Gds Mecz Army; and all other vehicles, to the 9th Mecz Div.

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